

JOHN SALMON.

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Mr. ALGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4220.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4220) granting an increase of pension to John Salmon, have examined the same and report:

John Salmon was a private in Company D, Eightieth Ohio Infantry, and Company B, First Mississippi Marine Brigade Infantry, and served from November 29, 1861, to January 17, 1865. He is now a pensioner at the rate of \$72 per month for disease of back and resulting curvature of spine, and paraplegia, incurred during his military service. His rate of pension is that which is provided by the general law for a soldier who, by reason of disability or disabilities incurred in the Army, is totally and permanently helpless, so as to require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person, in which condition the papers show claimant to be. He is, however, but one of quite a number who are pensioned at that rate for such a degree of disability. The bill proposes an increase of his pension to \$100 per month, but to single his claim from its class for such an increase would be doing injustice to the others who are also helpless and are just as worthy of relief.

Your committee can find no warrant for taking this case from its class for special legislation, and therefore report the bill back adversely with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

